

Pascagoula Public Library
Local History & Genealogy Dept.
Singletary Family

72 Simpson Lane
Milton, FL 32570

December 15, 1979

Dear Ms. Singletary:

Thank you for your book order and your inquiry. I am so long winded, didn't think I could get it on your card.

A law was passed around 1820 requiring state census and birth and death records. Compliance with the law was very erratic and as a result only a few records were made; and only a few of those made have survived.

These birth and death schedules were compiled in the same manner as the census was taken and were only as reliable as the census taker. If no one was at home, then the birth or death was not recorded. Occasionally reaching the house was a long ride and he would inquire of neighbors the information he needed. This second hand information was not very reliable.

These birth and death records which survived are contained on rolls of microfilm along with the state census at the Archives in Jackson MS. They are a part of the Secretary of State Record Group 28.

A single male was listed on the tax rolls when reached age 21. If a male was over 50 he did not pay poll tax, but paid tax only on his land, slaves, and personal property. A female did not pay poll tax, but only paid tax on her land and personal belongings. She could have been either divorced, widowed, or a woman who had never been married.

If you have a special problem in Perry County, please let us know, perhaps we can help. I feel sure that your birth occurred in Perry County, but was just missed by the person who made the survey.

A personal note: We have a special feeling for Alto. My husbands mother taught school there when she was 16 which would have been in 1903. She was Zella Mae Glasco who later married James B. Strickland.

Sincerely,

Jean Strickland

Mrs. Ben Strickland

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VIRGINIA SINGLETARY
RT. 1, BOX 164
ALTO, TEXAS 75925

January 16, 1980

*answered
1-24-80
sent Drew & flyer*

Mrs. Jean Strickland
72 Simpson Lane
Milton, FL 32570

Dear Mrs. Strickland,

Thank you so much for your answer to my inquiry. It was very helpful. I was surprised, but not too surprised, to hear that you had connections in Alto. I never cease to be amazed at the people all over the country who have - or have had - relatives in Alto. Maybe that's because so few people stay here - they are all scattered everywhere.

I do have a special interest in Perry County. Are there any records concerning Perry County before the 1820 census? I would like to know just when my George Harrison got there. It might help me to trace his movements and figure out where he married.

George Harrison joined the regular army in Greenville, S.C. (where he was born) in October 1812 for a period of 5 years. He was 18 years old. He was discharged in New Orleans in March, 1818. By January, 1820 he was in Mississippi with a wife and a newborn son, so he probably married about a year after his release from the army, but what I would like to know is whether his family had moved to Georgia or Mississippi while he was in service. He married Elizabeth Willingham, born in Georgia, and since I do not find any Willinghams in Perry County, I assume they met and married somewhere else.

The 1820 Perry County shows George Harrison with 1 male under 10, 1 male 18 to 26 and 1 female 18 to 16. In the next house are William Harrison with 3 males under 10-16, 1 male 16-18 and 1 female 26-45. I have wondered whether William could be George's younger brother and the female their widowed mother, but I can find no other trace of William. I was hoping he would show up on the Perry County tax list when he reached 21, but he is not there - or anywhere else so far as I can tell. George is listed every year until he moved ~~in~~ to Rankin County in 1829-30.

Please don't think I expect you to do any free research for me, but if you happen onto anything or if you have any other inquiries about Harrison families, I'd like to know. I will enclose an envelope just in case.

Thanks again.

Virginia Singletary
Virginia Singletary

APPLICANT'S WORKING SHEET

National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution

Washington, D.C.

(Miss or Mrs.)

Thelma Courtney Estabrook B. 9/25/1912 at *Shreveport, La.* *Miss. 4/19/31 at*
Wife or Widow of *James Perry Estabrook*

Descendant of

James Singletary

1. I am the daughter of

Thomas Courtney born on *3/31/1880* at *Jackson, Miss.*
died at *Shreveport, La.* on *6/14/1935* and his (first or only) wife
Offie (Alphronia) Perry born on *1/10/1882* at *Star, Miss.*
died at on married on *4/12/1904*

2. The said *Offie Perry Courtney* was the child of

John J. Perry born on *1837* at *Simpson Co., Miss.*
died at *Star, Miss.* on *Sept. 1892* and his (first or) wife
Elle Jane Singletary born on *1854* at *Star, Miss.*
died at *Star, Miss.* on *10/24/1892* married on *11/24/1892*

3. The said *Elle Jane Singletary* was the child of

Ephraim Singletary born on *7/5/1814* at *Bladen Co., N.C.*
died at *Star, Miss.* on *3/16/1886* and his (first or) wife
Eliza Ann Davis born on at *Alabama*
died at *Star, Miss.* on married on

4. The said *Ephraim Singletary* was the child of

Thomas Singletary born on at *Bladen Co., N.C.*
died at *Bladen Co., N.C.* on *will dated Dec. 1825* and his (first or) wife
Hester (dau. of John Hester) born on at
died at *Bladen Co., N.C.* on married on

5. The said *Thomas Singletary* was the child of

James Singletary born on at *Bladen Co., N.C.*
died at *Bladen Co., N.C.* on *will dated 2/20/1810* and his (first or) wife
Elizabeth born on at
died at on married on

6. The said was the child of

born on at
died at on and his (first or) wife
born on at
died at on married on

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7. The said _____ was the child of _____
born on _____ at _____
died at _____ on _____ and his (first or _____) wife _____
born on _____ at _____
died at _____ on _____ married on _____

8. The said _____ was the child of _____
born on _____ at _____
died at _____ on _____ and his (first or _____) wife _____
born on _____ at _____
died at _____ on _____ married on _____

9. The said _____ was the child of _____
born on _____ at _____
died at _____ on _____ and his (first or _____) wife _____
born on _____ at _____
died at _____ on _____ married on _____

RESIDENCE IN COUNTY AND STATE OF FAMILY IN EACH GENERATION DESIRED

National # of other relatives - Mrs. Stella Holliday Owens
DETAILS SHOWING THE FAMILY DESCENT: Give reference to verify the above statement of birth, marriage and death, by volume and page if reference is made to published work, and a duplicate certified or attested copy of facts where reference is made to Family Bible, tombstone, or other unpublished authority. Statements based upon TRADITION cannot be considered.

1st Gen. _____
2nd Gen. *Public record Marriage Book 2 page 22 - Simpson and Co. Titus*
3rd Gen. *Genealogy of the Singletary-Curtis Family page 39 by Sam Singletary*
4th Gen. *Will - page 113-114 - "Bible Record" assembled by Miss D.H.C. 19 May 1901*
5th Gen. *Samuel 4th gen.*
6th Gen. _____
7th Gen. _____
8th Gen. _____
9th Gen. _____

Children of Rev. soldier - Thomas m. i. - Hester dau. of John Hester; S. John Wilson
James, Jr.
Samuel
ANCESTOR'S SERVICES
He was a soldier in the N.C. Brigade in 1778.

State authority for service claimed by volume and page *N.C. Archivist History; National*
DDR Library; National # 392536; Bible record assembled by Miss D.H.C.
by Miss Mary J. Berry - pages 113-114
This working sheet need not be returned with application